onkei-kun.com

☆第3回ゼロサムコミック大賞作家大賞受賞の新鋭、本誌に再臨――！

onkei-kun.com

第3回ゼロサムコミック大賞
作家大賞受賞作家・乾みく、渾身のデビュー作!!

Nui Miku
乾みく

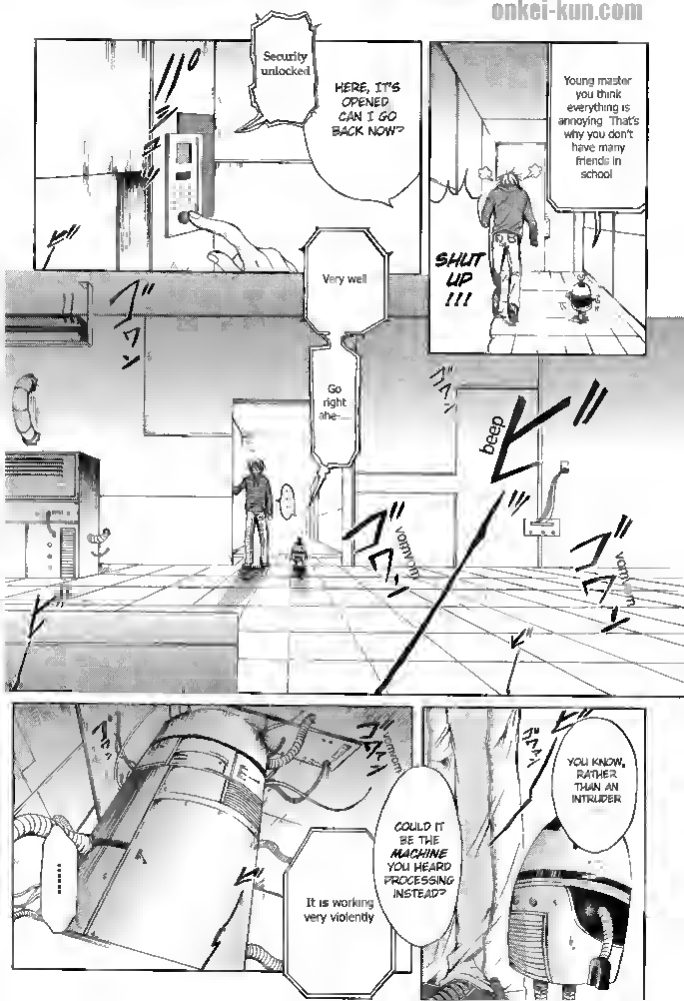
Young master.
Please wake up.
.....
WHAT'S UP, V-SUKE? IS IT TIME TO GO TO SCHOOL ALREADY?
There's no time for that!
I mean, yes, school is important, but right now- we have trouble!!
HUH?
I believe we have intruders in the laboratory!!
HUH?
YOU HEARD A SOUND?

onkei-kun.com

onkei-kun.com

IF THAT MACHINE IS SO IMPORTANT, THEN DAD SHOULD HAVE IT STRAPPED TO HIS BACK SO HE CAN CARRY IT AROUND WITH HIM.
ARE YOU SURE IT'S NOT YOUR IMAGINATION? DAD'S AWAY ON A BUSINESS TRIP, AND I'M NOT ALLOWED TO GO IN THERE FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR, YOU KNOW
But if anything were to happen to our valuable research tools.
I MEAN, WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT IT? THE ONLY THING IT CAN DO IS CALL UP PEOPLE FROM THE PAST.
THAT'S RIGHT— CALLING UP PEOPLE FROM THE PAST AND COMPILING THEIR LIFE HISTORY IS WHAT MY DAD DOES FOR A LIVING.
ONCE HE CALLS SOMEONE HE WILL ALWAYS STAY SHUT UP IN THE LAB FOR A MONTH AND NEGLECT BOTH ME AND MY MOM DURING THAT TIME
THAT THING MY DAMN OLD MAN MADE COULD FALL APART FOR ALL I CARE! THIS IS SO ANNOYING

onkei-kun.com


Security unlocked
HERE, IT'S OPENED CAN I GO BACK NOW?
Young master you think everything is annoying That's why you don't have many friends in school
SHUT UP !!!
Very well
Go right ahe—
beep
vomm
vomm
vroom
YOU KNOW, RATHER THAN AN INTRUDER
COULD IT BE THE MACHINE YOU HEARD PROCESSING INSTEAD?
It is working very violently
.....

onkei-kun.com

GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!! YOU'RE A MACHINE, TOO, AREN'T YOU?!!
I-I-I-I don't know!
WHAT DO I DO?! HOW THE HECK DO I STOP THIS THING?!!
HEY!!!
IS IT THIS BUTTON? OR THIS ONE?!
Aaah!! Don't press at random
like that or...!
Command understood.
Special input complete. Synchronization rate at 100%
Counting down at 10, 9, 8, 7, 6...

sakai-kun.com

onkei-kun.com

I...
THINK I CALLED UP SOMETHING.

WHOA, HIS HAIR IS PITCH-BLACK AND WHAT WEIRD CLOTHES HE'S WEARING...
HE KIND OF LOOKS LIKE THOSE JAPANESE DOLLS I SAW IN THE LIBRARY ONCE...
IS THIS...
THE 25TH CENTURY?
UWAH, HE TALKED!
AH YEAH
FEBRUARY 21, 2498!
I SEE...
TAKATSUKI MINORI-DONO?
!
THEN, DOES THAT MEAN YOU ARE...

TL NOTE: "-DONO" IS AN ARCHAIC JU-ON THAT SHOWS ONE'S RESPECT.

onkei-kun.com

onkei-kun.com

WHY THE HECK DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH ANYWAY?
IT'S ALWAYS MY DAD WHO COMES FIRST.
THAT'S
MY DAD'S NAME. I'M AKIRA
OH, MY APOLOGIES
I HAVE HEARD A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THIS PLACE FROM MY LORD, SO I'M AWARE OF THE GENERAL DETAILS.
MY NAME IS MORI RANMARU.
Mo-... Mori Ranmaru ?!!
HUH ?
"LORD"? HE'S A SERVANT?
WHAT DO YOU KNOW THIS GUY? IS HE FAMOUS OR SOME-THING?
Do I know him?!!
And don't call it an ...that guy it's rude.

onkei-kun.com

I know you're not good at history, young master, but you should at least have heard his name!!
The very first person that Minori-sama summoned with this machine was the famous daimyo, Oda Nobunaga-sama!
Ranmaru-sama acts as his page
BUT I'M SERIOUS WHEN I SAY I DON'T KNOW THIS GUY—
Young master!! That's not something you should be proud to say!
You're making me sad!!!
DOESN'T RING A BELL.
きょと——ん
?
GIVE ME A FREAKING BREAK! I'VE GOT SCHOOL TO GET TO, AND NOW THIS TROUBLESOME GUY HAD TO COME ALONG.
.. HM? SCHOOL?
THIS LAB IS FILLED WITH THE LATEST IN HIGH-TECH EQUIPMENT OF THE 25TH CENTURY AND THE ONE YOU JUST CAME OUT OF IS AN ULTRA-FINE MACHINE THAT'S ONE OF ITS KIND! NOTHING ELSE LIKE IT EXISTS IN THE ENTIRE WORLD!
WHY IS HE ACTING SO GODDAMN CALM ABOUT THIS ANYWAY?
annoyed
annoyed

onkei-kun.com

WHAT DO YOU WANT?! I CAN'T AFFORD ANY MORE ABSENCES!
P-P-Please wait just a minute!!
LET GO OF ME, IDIOT!
UWAAH!!! CRAP!! SCHOOL!!! I'M LATE, TOTALLY AND COMPLETELY Llate!!!
What is to be done with Ranmaru-sama?!
!
drawn back
Are you speaking to me?
stare
Young master
COME WITH ME A SECOND, YOU!!
I GOT IT!
?
?

WHA-... WHAT IS THIS PLACE?!
MY ROOM.
URH..
I am very sorry to show you such an embarrassing spectacle.
stunned
HURRY UP AND CHANGE INTO THAT.
THIS?
WERE YOU ROBBED ?!
OF COURSE NOT, IDIOT!!
C'MON, HURRY UP OR I'LL LEAVE YOU BEHIND.
WELL, MOM'S NOT HERE RIGHT NOW, AND I CAN'T LEAVE HIM ALONE BY HIMSELF
Er...
Young master!! You're not thinking of taking Ranmaru-sama along with you, are you?!

onkei-kun.com

ゴーン
ゴン
MADE IT JUST IN TIME!!
The school bell has already rung!!
WHAT A FUNNY GUY
HEY, HE'S PRETTY EASY TO FIGURE OUT— THAT'S SURPRISING
Young master!!!
DON'T PUSH ME! OH, BY THE WAY, V-SLIKE—
Hurry up and get to class!

onkei-kun.com

onkei-kun.com

V-SLIKE...
Please, anything but this—!!
SINCE HE'S WEARING THE SCHOOL UNIFORM, NO ONE WILL KICK HIM OUT
I ONLY HAVE TWO CLASS PERIODS TODAY AT ANY RATE
YOU GUYS CAN JUST WANDER AROUND SOME-PLACE
I can't do it!! I can't!!!
BABYSIT THE GUY UNTIL MY CLASSES ARE OVER, GOT IT?
Eh?!
I gladly accept my new responsi-bility.
0.5 seconds
I CAN ALWAYS TURN YOU OFF.

onkei-kun.com

OUR TEACHER TOLD US DURING HOMEROOM, SO THERE'S NO ESCAPE
GEH?!
WE'VE GOT A JAPANESE HISTORY TEST NEXT WEEK
NAH. NOTHING SPECIAL... WHOA, ONDA, ARE YOU STUDYING?
...DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
HEY, ONDA
AH...

NO...
IT ONLY HAS CHRONOLOGICAL DATES THIS ONE LISTS HISTORICAL PEOPLE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, SO HE'S PROBABLY IN HERE
THANKS
DOES THAT BOOK HAVE ANYTHING ABOUT "MORI RANMARU" WRITTEN IN IT?
!
TAKATSUKI...
YOU.
...

onkei-kun.com

YOU HAVEN'T PICKED SOMETHING OFF THE GROUND AND EATEN IT, HAVE YOU?
NO I HAVEN'T !!!
BUT REALLY, WHAT BROUGHT THIS NEW INTEREST ALONG?
MORI RANMARU, OF ALL PEOPLE?!
YOU'VE ALWAYS HATED LOOKING OR EVEN TOUCHING ANYTHING THAT HAS TO DO WITH HISTORY AND ITS PROMINENT FIGURES AND ALL YOU'VE DONE IS SNORE THROUGH OUR LECTURES ON JAPANESE AND WORLD HISTORY
WHY WOULD SOMEONE LIKE YOU WITH ABSOLUTELY NO BRAINS FOR HISTORY SUDDENLY TALK ABOUT
...THIS TIRES ME OUT.
IDIOT YOU'VE SAID TOO MUCH!!
SHUT UP
YOU MAKE A HALF-ASSED SHOW OF PRETENDING TO BE MY FRIENDS, BUT I KNOW YOU'RE JUST LIKE ALL OF THE OTHERS
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT I'VE SAID TOO MUCH MYSELF
SORRY
YOU ONLY HANG OUT WITH ME BECAUSE YOU'RE FANS OF MY DAD'S WORK

onkei-kun.com

3-FGI
...YEAH
NOW LET'S SEE, OUR NEXT CLASS IS P.E., RIGHT?
AFTER ALL THIS TIME—
BUT WHAT'S THE USE IN SAYING THAT?
FORGET IT.
I'D THOUGHT—
THAT I WAS USED TO THIS BY NOW
Not only were you forced to go outside against your will, but we're unable to send you back home right away because there is something wrong with the machine—
Please—
accept my most sincere apologies
V-SUKE -DONO?

onkei-kun.com

I SEE THAT...
AKIRA-DONO HAS GOT HIMSELF A WONDERFUL ATTENDANT.
S-So, please...!
It... It isn't the young master's fault!
E-But please set your mind at ease, Kanmaru-sama! That machine is a marvelous device that can send you back to your original era at the exact moment you'd left without even allowing one second to have passed!

onkei-kun.com

TAKA-TSUKI...
YOU'VE GOT GOOD REFLEXES, SO YOU SHOULD AT LEAST PARTICIPATE IN P.E CLASS, MAN...
TOO ANNOY-ING.
OH, TAKA-TSUKI.
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE GROUP OF DELINQUENTS IN OUR SCHOOL WHO LIKE TO BEAT UP THE UPPERCLASSMEN ALL OF THE TIME?
YEAH, WHAT ABOUT THEM?
YOUR ROBOT AND SOME GUY I DON'T KNOW ARE SURROUNDED BY THEM RIGHT NOW.
YOU'RE KID-DING ME!!!
I KID YOU NOT
MAYBE YOU'RE HARD OF HEARING. LET ME TELL YOU THIS ONE MORE TIME.
YES, I'VE HEARD YOU SAY SO EARLIER
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING TOYS LIKE THAT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS!
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH THIS KID?
Toy
Waah
WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS WHY THAT OBLIGATES ME TO GIVE YOU MONEY

**THE KANJI FOR "BAKA" CAN ALSO BE READ AS "UMASHIKA," BECAUSE IT IS A COMBINATION OF THE WORDS "HORSE" AND "DEER." IT'S DIFFICULT TO TRANSLATE IN ENGLISH, BUT RUNNING MAKES A SILLY ANIMAL PUN.
I ALREADY TOLD YOU. .
ENOUGH OF YOUR EXPLANATION.
I'M SURE THAT YOU REPEAT THIS OVER AND OVER, FINDING SOMEONE WHOM YOU THINK IS WEAK AND FEEDING OFF OF THEM.
STEALING FROM OTHERS WHILE NEVER PRODUCING ANYTHING YOURSELVES IS THE ACT OF AN INFERIOR ANIMAL.
YOU HAVE LONG SURPASSED THE LEVEL OF A COMMON IDIOT**.
onkei-kun.com
YOU PEOPLE ARE NOW NOTHING BUT MONKEYS.
Y-
YOU LITTLE SHRIM-
BWOOH !!??
!!

GET OUTTA HERE, GUYS!
WH-WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT FOR?! WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
AKIRA-DONO !!
Young master
11
YOU LITTLE
WHOA IT'S A MEGA HIT...
YOU'RE NOT LEAVIN' HERE IN ONE PIECE!!!
NGAH!
L-- LOOK OU-..!

onkei-kun.com

DO YOU STILL WANT TO FIGHT?
N-NO THANK YOU SIR.
TOO STRONG.
INSTANT K.O...
I'M SORRY ABOUT TODAY, AKIRA-DONO I INTERFERED WITH YOUR STUDIES
I TOLD YOU IT'S OKAY
I SKIPPED CLASS ANYWAY
ACTUALLY, I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK YOU SOMETHING ALL THIS TIME...
WERE YOU SLEEPING?
NO.
WHAT WERE YOU DOING BEFORE YOU ARRIVED IN THIS PLACE?
WELL, IT WAS THE DEAD OF NIGHT, SO I'M NOT VERY SURE MYSELF...

Onkei-kun.com

ON THAT NIGHT, WE WERE PROCEEDING TO THE CAPITAL AFTER MANY DAYS AND MY LORD AND HIS GUESTS WERE STAYING UP LATE AND ENJOYING THEMSELVES
I MYSELF FELT STRANGELY HIGH-STRUNG, SO I WAS UNABLE TO GO TO BED
HMM
THEN WHAT DID YOU GUYS DO FOR FUN?
I DON'T "HAVE FUN"!!
EHH?
WHAT DO YOU NORMALLY DO WITH YOUR FRIENDS THEN?
I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS!!!
I...
WAH!
HMM?

onkoi-kun.com

U-UM...
I'M...
I'M SORRY?
DID I STEP ON A LAND MINE?
"U..."
WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING?!
EVERYONE WHO APPROACHES ME ONLY WANT TO USE ME TO GET A PROMOTION! ALL THEY DO IS FLATTER ME WITH PRAISE
THAT'S WHY...
I'M SURE THAT I...
AH
WILL BE ALONE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE...
THEN
I'LL BE YOUR FRIEND...
I FEEL LIKE.
I FINALLY UNDERSTAND THIS GUY.
UWOH!
I-
IT'S JUST A SUGGESTION! AND STUFF LIKE PROMOTIONS AND SOCIAL POSITION DOESN'T INTEREST ME!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUSH YOURSELF IF YOU DON'T WAN-...!
YOU'LL REALLY BE MY FRIEND?

... HAHA...! THIS IS LIKE A DREAM!
ふ、にゃあ
THANK YOU
AKIRA-DONO
...THIS GUY...
IDIOT, YOU DON'T NEED TO ADD "-DONO" TO A FRIEND'S NAME! CRYBABY!
OKAY
My my, do my eyes deceive me?
HE'S JUST LIKE ME.
onkei-kun.com

onkei-kun.com

IF YOU'VE GOT THE TIME TO MAKE FUN OF ME, THEN USE IT TO GIVE CLOTHES FOR RANMARU TO CHANGE INTO!!!
What a simpleton.
I can't believe I'd see the day that you would voluntarily clean your room
SHUT UP!
You must be planning to surprise Ranmaru-sama after he's returned from the bath, are you?
...OH, ONDA'S BOOK... I HAVEN'T EVEN TAKEN IT OUT OF MY BAG YET
I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST... NOBUNAGA...
AH, FOUND RANMARU!
HEHH, HE HAS YOUNGER ■ROTHERS... EH? HE OWNS A C■STLE? W-WHOA...
BUT I WONDER WHY HIS ■IOGRAPHY LOOKS SO SHOR-...
HUH... SO THEY HAD A LOT OF MILITARY COMMANDERS DURING THE WAR...
UWAAH, THIS GUY LIVES A LONG LIFE...

...HUH ?
WHY... IS IT... SO SHORT...?
his bump
his bump
Dude in action, 18 years old
jump
THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO USE THE BATH FIRST, AKIRA
onkei-kun.com

onkei-kun.com

WHAT DO YOU CALL THAT POWDER THAT MAKES THE BATH-WATER CHANGE COLOR?
.....
MY HEAD IS IN SO MUCH PAIN, IT FEELS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BRE--K... LIKE SOMEONE IS PUNCHING IT WITH FULL FORCE...
RANMARU... YOU... HONNOU-JI...
HM? HONNOU -JI?
DID I EVER MENTION HONNOU-JI TO YOU?
THAT'S THE PLACE I WAS IN BEFORE I ARRIVED HERE.
I'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN SOME-THING AS SICK AS THIS IN THE MOVIES
AKIRA !!

onkei-kun.com
-ster
RANMARU!! YOU'RE...
Young master!!!
V-SUKE
WHERE IS HE?
Thank goodness, it's been two hours since...
U-Um...
Well...

暁の文 onkei-kun.com

The thing is, Minori-sama has just returned home.

I pleaded for him to wait until you had woken up, young master.

But he said that he would send Ranmaru back home immediately and the two left for the laboratory...

I LEARNED LATER ON THAT THE MACHINE NORMALLY WILL NOT WORK UNTIL YOU HAVE CLEARED A GREAT NUMBER OF SECURITY LEVELS.

THAT MEANT THE FACT THAT HE CAME HERE WAS A COMPLETE COINCIDENCE.

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I DIDN'T LIKE INVOLVING MYSELF WITH STRANGERS SO SOMEWHERE IN MY HEART, I'D ALWAYS THINK THAT HE WAS A BOTHER.

I KNOW THAT THIS SELFISHNESS OF MINE COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE GRANTED, BUT EVEN SO

EVEN NOW

THAT'S WHY

!

onikei-kun.com

THE FACT THAT RANMARU IS GOING TO DISAPPEAR FROM MY LIFE...
AKIRA
SCARES ME.
RANMARU, DON'T GO!!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO COME IN HERE!
DAD, LISTEN!! THIS IS THE ONLY REQUEST I'LL EVER ASK OF YOU IN MY ENTIRE LIFE!

onkei-kun.com

LEAVE THIS PLACE AT ONC-...!
PLEASE DAD, MAKE ARRANGE-MENTS TO LET THIS GUY LIVE IN THE PRESENT!!
HIS NAME IS MORI RANMARU!
HE'S THE SAME AGE AS I AM, AND HE CAME FROM HONNOU-JI!!
AKIRA!
YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, RIGHT DAD?! IF YOU MAKE HIM GO BACK...!
slap

onkei-kun.com

I'M SORRY BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET THE WRONG IDEA
...
I DECIDED FOR MYSELF THAT I WOULD RETURN.
I KNOW THAT...
I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO SPEND MORE TIME TALKING WITH YOU IF THAT WERE POSSIBLE, BUT I DISLIKE THE IDEA OF MAKING IT EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO PART WITH YOU...
MESSING WITH HISTORY WILL MESS WITH THE PRESENT. IN THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO, IT COULD INFLUENCE THE POPULATION OF AN ENTIRE COUNTRY.
I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU, AKIRA.
I...
AM POWERLESS.
...
RANMARU.
I...

onkei-kun.com

BUT THE TRUTH IS!
Trans-mission system starting up...
BACK THEN...
I'M GOING TO LET YOU DIE...
I SAID I'D BE YOUR FRIEND AS IF IT WAS NOTHING...
THAT'S WHY THE ONLY THING I CAN DO FOR YOU RIGHT NOW...
10
9
8
WHO WANTED A FRIEND THE MOST.
I WAS THE ONE...
IS TO SEND YOU OFF WITH A SMILE ON MY FACE

onkei-kun.com

1
MY MOST PRECIOUS FRIEND.
Trans-mission...
「 WHAT I WANT IS A FRIEND. 」
IN THE END,
HISTORY DIDN'T CHANGE
BUT THE NEXT DAY, ARRIVING ALONG WITH THE SNOW THAT FELL SINCE THE MORNING...
ONE LONE VISITOR
GAVE ME A RAY OF HOPE.

onkei-kun.com

onkei-kun.com

ACCORDING TO HIM, RANMARU HAD LOOKED AT THAT BOOK AFTER I'D LOST CONSCIOUSNESS
MY NAME IS MORI KYUUMA
MORI RANMARU IS MY ANCESTOR
I'M PLEASED TO MEET YOU
YOU ARE TAKATSUKI AKIRA-SAN.
ARE YOU NOT?
EH?

BEARING SERIOUS INJURIES, HE GRABBED NOBUNAGA AFTER HIS LORD AT GONE INSANE FROM LEARNING OF AKECHI'S SUDDEN REBELLION, AND THE TWO ESCAPED FROM HONNOU-JI.
WHILE RANMARU CARED FOR NOBUNAGA IN A PLACE FAR FROM HUMAN HABITATION, HE LEFT TO HIS CLAN'S DESCENDANTS HIS LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

onkei-kun.com

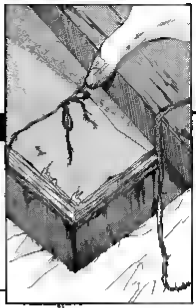
APPARENTLY HE HAS ALSO WRITTEN SEVERAL LETTERS TO YOU, BUT IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THEY WEREN'T DESTROYED DURING THE WAR...
ONE OF MY ANCESTORS KEPT THEM BURIED UNDERGROUND. NOW THEIR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN
.....
I'M SORRY FOR BEING UNABLE TO GIVE THEM TO YOU...
NO...
THIS TIME...
THIS IS ENOUGH.
THANK YOU.
I WILL LOOK FOR RANMARU ...
THANK YOU SO MUCH.

onkei-kun.com

Year 2445
Kyoto
PROFESSOR TAKATSUKI
YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY FROM HERE
WELL, TAKE AS LONG AS YOU NEED
THANK YOU.
TIME HAS FLOWN BY QUICKLY. TEN YEARS HAVE ALREADY PASSED AS I CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR YOU.
I'M SORRY TO HAVE MADE YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY FOR THIS
KAJIMA CALLED ME THE OTHER DAY, TELLING ME THAT HE FIGURED OUT WHERE YOUR LETTERS WERE BURIED. THIS NOW MAKES IT THE SIXTH TIME SINCE I'VE SET FOOT INTO THIS CAPITAL...
BUT I HAVE A GOOD FEELING ABOUT THIS ONE.
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE, AFTER ALL OF THESE YEARS, I HAD A DREAM OF YOU LAUGHING SO JOYOUSLY...
HEY, RANMARU

onkei-kun.com

IF I MET YOU...
THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT...



BUT IF I REALLY MET YOU...

...

I THINK I MIGHT BE TOO HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO FORM THE WORDS...

SO IN THE MEANTIME...

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXISTENCE...

★乾みく先生の次回作にご期待下さい！

THAT'S... WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY.

END